

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously Presented) A system comprising:
an envelope having:
a front surface; and
a first window providing a covered opening in said front surface, wherein said first window is disposed in a predetermined position of said front surface to facilitate placing postage indicia in juxtaposition therewith to thereby allow viewing of said postage indicia through said first window;
a postal item having a postage indicia affixed thereto, wherein said postage indicia is visible through said first window when said postal item is disposed in said envelope; and
software for generating said postal item and said postage indicia and for printing said postage indicia on said postal item.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Canceled)
4. (Currently Amended) The ~~envelope~~ system of claim 1, wherein said postage indicia includes a machine readable portion.
5. (Currently Amended) The ~~envelope~~ system of claim 4, wherein said machine readable portion comprises a two dimensional bar code.
6. (Currently Amended) The ~~envelope~~ system of claim 1, wherein said covered opening comprises a transparent covering material.
7. (Currently Amended) The ~~envelope~~ system of claim 6, wherein said transparent covering material comprises glassine.
8. (Currently Amended) The ~~envelope~~ system of claim 6, wherein said transparent covering material protects said postage indicia from inadvertent detachment.
9. (Currently Amended) The ~~envelope~~ system of claim 6, wherein said transparent covering material protects said postage indicia from adverse conditions.

10. (Currently Amended) The ~~envelope~~ system of claim 1, wherein said predetermined position comprises an upper right hand corner of said front surface when said front surface is properly oriented to read information of said postage indicia.

11. (Currently Amended) The ~~envelope~~ system of claim 1, further comprising:
a second window disposed in a predetermined position of said front surface to facilitate placing addressee information in juxtaposition therewith to thereby allow viewing of said addressee information through a second window.

12. (Currently Amended) The ~~envelope~~ system of claim 11, wherein said postage indicia and said addressee information is affixed to said postal item inserted into said envelope.

13. (Currently Amended) The ~~envelope~~ system of claim 11, further comprising:
a third window disposed in a predetermined position of said front surface to facilitate placing sender information in juxtaposition therewith to thereby allow viewing of said sender information through said third window.

14. (Currently Amended) The ~~envelope~~ system of claim 13, wherein said postage indicia and said sender information is affixed to said postal item inserted into said envelope.

15. (Currently Amended) The ~~envelope~~ system of claim 13, wherein said third window predetermined position comprises an upper left hand corner of said front surface when said front surface is properly oriented to read information of said postage indicia.

16. (Previously Presented) A method of providing a mail item for posting with a mail delivery service, said method comprising:

generating a piece of correspondence using a computer system;

generating a postage indicia using said computer system;

printing said postage indicia and said piece of correspondence using said computer system, wherein said postage indicia is printed simultaneously with printing said piece of correspondence; and

inserting said piece of correspondence into an envelope such that said postage indicia is disposed in juxtaposition with a window of said envelope providing a corresponding opening.

17. (Canceled)
18. (Canceled)
19. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein said postage indicia includes a machine readable portion.
20. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein said machine readable portion comprises a two dimensional bar code.
21. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein said covered opening comprises a transparent covering material.
22. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein said transparent covering material comprises glassine.
23. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein said transparent covering material protects said postage indicia from inadvertent detachment.
24. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein said transparent covering material protects said postage indicia from adverse conditions.
25. (Currently Amended) A mail item comprising:
~~a computer system operable under control of software for generating documents and postage indicia;~~
a piece of correspondence having a postage indicia thereon, wherein said piece of correspondence and the postage indicia thereon are printed by ~~said computer system~~ a computer system operable under control of software for generating documents and postage indicia;
an envelope having at least a first window portion and incarcerating said piece of correspondence, wherein said piece of correspondence is disposed in a predetermined orientation to place said postage indicia in juxtaposition with said first covered window to thereby allow viewing of said postage indicia when said piece of correspondence is incarcerated in said envelope.
26. (Canceled)

27. (Original) The mail item of claim 25, wherein said envelope has a second window portion, wherein said piece of correspondence is disposed in said predetermined orientation to place second information in juxtaposition with said second window when said postage indicia is in juxtaposition with said first covered window to thereby allow viewing of said second information when said piece of correspondence is incarcerated in said envelope.

28. (Original) The mail item of claim 27, wherein said second information comprises at least one of an addressor's address and an addressee's address.

29. (Original) The mail item of claim 27, wherein said envelope has a third window portion, wherein said piece of correspondence is disposed in said predetermined orientation to place third information in juxtaposition with said third window when said postage indicia is in juxtaposition with said first covered window to thereby allow viewing of said third information when said piece of correspondence is incarcerated in said envelope.

30. (Original) The mail item of claim 29, wherein said second information comprises an addressor's address and said third information comprises an addressee's address.

31. (Original) The mail item of claim 25, wherein said covered window portion comprises a transparent covering material.

32. (Original) The mail item of claim 31, wherein said transparent covering material comprises glassine.

33. (Original) The mail item of claim 31, wherein said transparent covering material protects said postage indicia from inadvertent detachment.

34. (Original) The mail item of claim 31, wherein said transparent covering material protects said postage indicia from adverse conditions.

35. (Original) The mail item of claim 25, wherein said first covered window portion is disposed in a face of said envelope in an upper right hand corner of said envelope face when said envelope is properly oriented to read information of said postage indicia.

36. (Previously Presented) A method of providing a mail item for posting with a mail delivery service, said method comprising:

printing a piece of correspondence using a computer system, said piece of correspondence comprising a document generated by said computer system and a postage indicia generated by said computer system; and

inserting said piece of correspondence into an envelope such that said postage indicia is disposed in juxtaposition with a transparent window of said envelope.